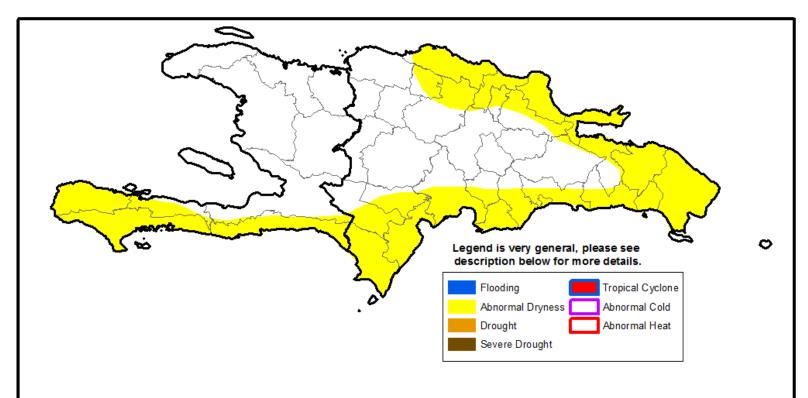


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook October 22 – 28, 2015

Moderate to locally heavy rain forecast over Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, moderate to heavy rain was observed over the Centre and L'Artibonite departments of north-central Haiti and bordering western Dominican Republic. Moderate rain also fell in central Dominican Republic, while light rain was recorded elsewhere. Over the past thirty days, rainfall anomalies have indicated moderate to large (50-200 mm) moisture surpluses across north-central Haiti and central Dominican Republic, but comparable rainfall deficits mostly along the coasts. Since the beginning of August, rainfall has been unevenly distributed both in space and time over Hispaniola, resulting in moderate seasonal deficits along the southern coasts of the Island and eastern two-thirds of the Dominican Republic. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor and degraded conditions over many local areas near the coasts and average to above-average conditions across the central portions of Hispaniola. During the next week, an increase in rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola, with locally heavy rain in northern Haiti and the northern and central mountainous regions of the Dominican Republic. The forecast increased rain is expected to reduce accumulated deficits and aid cropping activities over many local areas of Hispaniola after a poor performance of the first rainfall season.